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Subject : Moslem Brotherhood  
to Harass Israel

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1. 'Abd-al-Khalil Jadalil al-ABRATANI, a Palestinian and former newspaperman, called at the Beirut headquarters of the Arab Higher Committee on 7 September and asked to see SHAYKH. He carried a letter from the Grand Mufti which stated that al-ABRATANI was a loyal Mufti adherent and that he should be given every possible assistance. al-ABRATANI said that he had come from Gaza.
2. In the absence of SHAYKH who was in Damascus, al-ABRATANI asked SHAYKH for a private interview. He told SIRHAN that SHAYKH 'Abdallah ABU-SITTI would arrive in Beirut from Beerseba in the next few days with a special letter from the Grand Mufti. He could not explain what the contents of the letter would be, but said that they would deal with the Moslem Brotherhood.
3. Source was subsequently able to talk with al-ABRATANI, in SIRHAN's presence. Al-ABRATANI told source that certain Egyptian officials and the Grand Mufti had agreed that the Moslem Brotherhood should turn its full attention on Israel. Egypt would make money and arms available so that the Moslem Brothers could begin harassing the Jews. Employing the Brotherhood for such a purpose would forestall charges of any one Arab country having violated the armistice. This Moslem Brotherhood action would begin out of Syria.

Field Comment: Source regards this report of Moslem Brotherhood activity as an out-and-out rumor, but felt it should be reported so that Cairo might know of the rumor and see if there is any background for it there. This station will watch for the arrival of Shaykh ABU-SITTI, who, according to source, is very well known in Palestine.

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